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SUBJ: ANOTHER, MORE PRECISE LEAK ON FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS

REF: A. NASSAU 0592 B. NASSAU 0444 C. NASSAU 0361 D. NASSAU 0353 E. NASSAU 0566

- 1. IN LATEST OF SERIES OF LEAKS ON U.S. OFFER IN FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS (REFTELS), IVAN JOHNSON QUOTED "GOVERNMENT CABINET SOURCE" IN APRIL 27 TRIBUNE AS SAYING THAT ONLY HALF OF DOLS 12 MILLION PER YEAR WOULD BE IN CASH, THE OTHER HALF BEING IN MATERIALS OVER 15-YEAR PERIOD. SOURCE ALSO CLAIMS THAT SOME CABINET MEMBERS HAVE URGED COMPLETION OF LEASE, ONE OF THEM THREE TIMES.
- 2. PRIME MINISTER PINDLING CALLED THE AMBASSADOR MORNING OF APRIL 28 TO SAY THAT THE SOURCE WAS NOT IN HIS GOVERNMENT AND THAT HE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS IN THE EMBASSY. AMBASSADOR AGAIN DENIED THIS IN EMPHATIC TERMS.
- 3. ARTICLE AGAIN CARRIED EMBASSY "NO COMMENT." WE WILL, OF COURSE, STICK TO THAT LINE BUT, AS TRIBUNE EDITOR ROGER CARRON PROMISED (REF A), WE CAN PROBABLY EXPECT MORE FROM HIS "UNIMPEACHABLE" SOURCE. WITH ELECTIONS POSSIBLE IN NEXT TWO MONTHS AND WITH CARRON THUS DOING HIS BEST TO TURN CONFIDENTIAL

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ISSUE INTO POLITICAL FOOTBALL, DANGER EXISTS THAT PINDLING MAY FEEL FORCED TO MAKE PUBLIC MOVE DESIGNED TO PORTRAY HIMSELF AS TOUGH NEGOTIATOR HOLDING OUT FOR MORE THAN U.S. OFFER. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, OUR INTERESTS WOULD PROBABLY BEST BE SERVED BY POST-ELECTION NEGOTIATION AS SUGGESTED BY PINDLING APRIL 27 (REF B). IN MEANTIME, IT IS IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO STOP

ANY FURTHER LEAKS. WITH THESE CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND, WITH SOURCE NARROWED DOWN TO CABINET AND GIVEN PINDLING'S DEFENSIVE DISCLAIMER, AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO TAKE LESS APOLOGETIC, MORE AGRESSIVE TACK WITH MINEXTAFF DURING FAREWELL CALL AT 1100 THIS MORNING.
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